trains of longer composition. Teething troubles do occur whenever any new technology is introduced for the first time, some of which cannot be entirely anticipated during testing and trials.

Schools at Platforms for Begging children

† 726.. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report regarding picking up of childern begging at railway platforms by the Railway Police and educating them, by opening schools at platforms;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to formulate nation-wide scheme to open such schools?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There is an infonnation regarding opening of such a school known as "KAMANA PADHNA" and "SAKSHARTA KENDRA" by GRP behind Raipur Railway Station in Bilaspur Division of South Eastern Railway since 15.08.2001 with a view to educate homeless, vagabond and handicapped children.

(c) No, Sir.

Computerised Rail Reservation Centres in Gujarat

†727. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Railway stations in Gujarat where reservation of tickets is done through computers at present; and

(b) the additional number of Railway stations in that State wher Government propose to open computerised reservation centres by th end of 2001, giving the station-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Thirty.

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